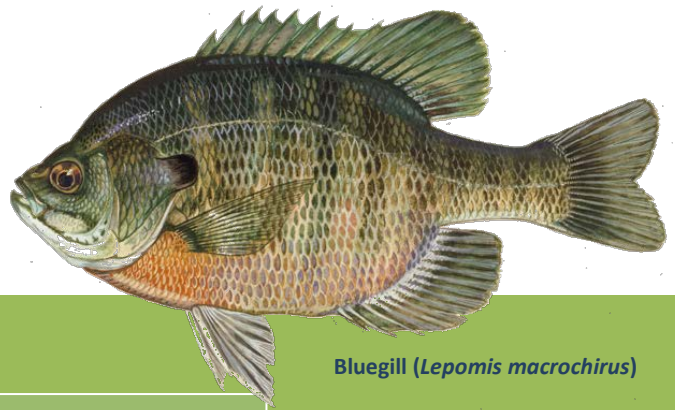


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Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*)



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## INLAND REPORT

**LARGEMOUTH BASS** fishing is generally fair to good. Night fishing is in full swing and producing many fish for anglers using black jitterbugs and surface poppers. Early morning anglers are having some luck along the weeds, either with worms and crayfish down deeper or lures showing erratic action near surface. Places to try include Silver Lake, Candlewood Lake, Congamond Lakes, Highland Lake, Lake Wononskopomuc, Lake McDonough, Lower Bolton Lake, Crystal Lake, Beseck Lake, Hopeville Pond, Babcock Pond, Black Pond (Woodstock), Lake Lillinonah, Beach Pond, Lake of Isles, Bantam Lake, Quinebaug Lake, Lake Saltonstall, Rogers Lake, Pickerel Lake, Lake Hayward, Dog Pond, Hatch Pond, Halls Pond, Lake Williams, Park Pond, Burr Pond, Stillwater Pond, Mudge Pond, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Pachaug Pond, Bishop Pond, Red Cedar Lake and Winchester Lake. **Tournament angler** reports are from Gardner Lake (fairly good action, but not much size unless you really work for them, with 4.98 lb and 4.06 lb lunkers for one club and a 2.5 lbunker for another), Mansfield Hollow Reservoir (fair to good fishing, 4.64 lb and 3.81 lb lunkers), Pachaug Pond (fair for one day event, with a 4.21 lb lunker but not much else for size; slow for another day group and an evening event, with 5.75 lb and 2.39 lb lunkers), Bantam Lake (slow with a 4.1 lb lunker), Candlewood Lake (fair for largemouth, with 5.82 lb, 5.02 lb, 4.96 lb, 4.75 lb, 4.61 lb and 4.39 lb lunkers), and Lake Lillinonah (slow for a night tournament).

### AUGUST 15 - FREE FISHING LICENSE DAY

The second 2015 Free Fishing License Day is **August 15, 2015** (NCLI and CARE Saltwater fishing event at Fort Trumbull State Park). **Anyone can obtain a free one-day fishing license to fish each of these days.**

**The free 1-day license for fishing on August 15, 2015 will be available starting on July 25, 2015.** They can be obtained through our convenient online at [www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenlicensing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenlicensing) (now mobile friendly!) and at the same vendors ([Designated vendor \(tackle shop\)](#), Town Halls and DEEP offices where other licenses are available ([DEEP Offices](#)).

**SMALLMOUTH BASS.** Some action reported from Candlewood Lake, Shenipsit Lake, Lake Lillinonah, Squantz Pond, Bantam Lake, Colebrook Reservoir, Congamond Lakes, Colebrook Reservoir, Highland Lake, Naugatuck River, Lake Zoar and Lake McDonough. River smallie action reported from the upper Housatonic River (good to very good), Naugatuck River and Quinebaug River. **Tournament angler** reports are from Gardner Lake (very few caught, but a nice 3.1 lb smallie for a lunker), Candlewood Lake (still tough, but smallmouth fishing seems to have improved some, with 4.91 lb, 4.79 lb and 4.72 lb lunkers), Bantam Lake (tough finding any) and Lake Lillinonah (a few found at night).

**NORTHERN PIKE** fishing is reported to be good in Bantam Lake, Lake Lillinonah and Winchester Lake, with one nice catch also reported at Beseck Lake.

**KOKANEE SALMON** are being caught at West Hill Pond (night, still-fishing with corn) and East Twin Lake (beads at 20-30 feet).

**CHAIN PICKEREL** are fishing well in Lake Wononskopomuc.

**WALLEYE** are reported from: Lake Saltonstall and Squantz Pond (causeway).

**CALICO BASS** action (on small shiners) is reported in Park Pond and West Thompson Reservoir.

**CATFISH** – Summer catfish are being caught. Areas to try include Keeney Park Pond, Bunnells Pond (Bridgeport), Lakewood Lake (Waterbury), Lake Wintergreen, Mashapaug Lake, Wauregan Reservoir, Black Pond (Middlefield) and Silver Lake (Meriden).

**PANFISH** is very good. Target the shallows with bobbers, worms or grubs. Small spinners and jigs have been very productive as well. Areas to try include Fitchville Pond, Colony Pond, Dog Pond, Dooley Pond, Eagleville Lake, Millers Pond, Holbrook Pond, Beach Pond, Lake of Isles, Stillwater Pond, Schreeder Pond, Roseland Lake, State Line Pond, Griggs Pond, Billings Lake, Perry Pond, Park Pond, Norwich Pond, Morey Pond and Mono Pond.

**CARP** fishing is giving a lot of anglers new to the sport a big surprise. Areas to try include Lake Saltonstall, Beaver Park Lagoon, Pond, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, upper Housatonic River, Mirror Lake (Meriden), Hopeville Pond, Lake Lillinonah, Hockanum River, Union Pond (Manchester), Lake Zoar and Squantz Pond. Sweet corn is producing well on 'hair rigs' fished in pre-baited areas. Are you up to the challenge of the 'CT Tank'?

**TROUT-LAKES & PONDS** - Anglers continue to find some summer trout action (just remember that this is the time of the year when doing the small things make all the difference), with reports from Highland Lake (center basin), Colebrook Reservoir (26 feet nearer the dam, orange/silver or blue/silver), Lake Wononskopomuc, Crystal Lake (7-8 colors, Kobra #118, #9), Beach Pond (20-25 feet, streamers), West Hill Pond (35 feet) and East Twin Lake (20-25 feet).

**TROUT- RIVERS & STREAMS** - Conditions should be fair for summer trout fishing. This week's generally moderate temperatures are forecast to continue into next week. Flows in most areas are comfortable for wading, but are low in most areas and continuing to drop, with some areas now well below their typical summer levels, especially in eastern CT (see box on page 4). Terrestrial fly patterns are very important this time of the year and anglers are advised to include them in their offerings (black ants at night have been very productive). Good reports from the West Branch Farmington River and Housatonic River TMA, also anglers are finding some brown trout from the Hammonasset River and Salmon River (use streamers and small nymphs to coax them out of deeper holes).

**Farmington River** - Fishing has been good and conditions should be very good for the weekend and into next week. West Branch flows are clear, moderate and very fishable, currently 269 cfs at Riverton, with the



**Attention:**

**OUTDOOR GROUPS/CLUBS/BUSINESSES.**

The upcoming **Hunting and Fishing Day**, September 26, 2015 is from 10 am to 4 pm at Sessions Woods Wildlife Management area and would DEEP would like to invite you to attend.

There is no charge for the event and you can showcase your group/business/organization with a tabletop display.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Laurie Fortin at [laurie.fortin@ct.gov](mailto:laurie.fortin@ct.gov).

For more information on the event go to: [www.ct.gov/deep/huntfishday](http://www.ct.gov/deep/huntfishday).

Still River adding an additional 18 cfs. West Branch water temperatures are in the mid-50's to mid-60's °F mornings, and rising through the day and as you move downstream from the dam.

**Hatches/patterns** include *Ephemerella needhami* (#22-26, mid morning), Leadwing Coachman (*Isonychia bicolor*, #10-14, fast water, evening), Blue Wing Olives (*Drunella* spp. #18 & *Baetis* spp.; #22-24, mid-late afternoon), Sulfurs duns (*Epeorus vitreus*, #16-18), Cahill (*Stenonema ithaca*, #12-14), Caddis (tan #16-20, all day; green #16-18, evening; summer pupa #18-20 morning), Midges (#22-28, morning), Black Ants (#12-14, mid-day in fast water), Black Beetles (#12-16, midday), Flying Ants (#18-22, midday, when windy/humid), Stone Hopper (#8-12, midday) and Golden Drake (*Anthopotamus distinctus*, #10-14, late evening). Evening brings out a mix of every bug on the water.

**Housatonic River** – Fishing has been good and conditions this weekend should be great. This week's comfortable weather is forecast to continue, and will moderate water temperatures. Flows are clear and very wade-able, currently 376 cfs at Falls Village and 461 cfs at Gaylordsville. Morning water temperatures are back in the low to mid 60's°F (thanks to cooler weather), and will move into the 70's°F by mid-day. Fishing early/late in the day will limit summer stress to fish. For these conditions it is recommended to use a 9 foot 4-weight rod with a 7X 9 foot leader.

**Hatches/patterns. The White Fly (#12-14, evenings; Ephoron leukon) is here.** If you have never seen it you are in for a treat. This hatch gets going around 8:00 pm and must be seen to be believed. Snowing is the best single word to describe it. The feeding frenzy that results is incredible. Additional hatches include Blue Wing Olive larvae (#18-24, early morning; spinner fall in evening, mainly during overcast days), Light Cahill (#12-14, evening), (*Isonychia bicolor*, #10-12 has been active lately, fast water, evening) and Black caddis (#16-18, early morning & evening). Look for midges (#20-26) and stoneflies at tributary mouths. Don't forget streamers (morning & evening), patterns to try include White Zonkers, Wooly Buggers (#2-12), Muddlers (#4-8), Micky Finn, and Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10).

**Anglers are reminded that the thermal refuge areas on the Housatonic, Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers are now closed to fishing (as of June 15). These areas will reopen on September 15. There is no fishing within 100 feet of signs indicating such closure at or near the mouths of tributaries to these rivers. Additionally, a thermal refuge has been established on the Salmon River in East Haddam, located around a spring entering the Salmon River approximately 220 feet south of the unused paved boat launch at the state-owned property formerly known**

#### REMINDER TO ANGLERS-

**FISHING IN OR CASTING INTO PERMITTED SWIM AREAS IS PROHIBITED.**

State regulations prohibit fishing in or into a swim area that's been permitted by DEEP. Additionally, vessels cannot be operated within a permitted swim area, and there's a 100 foot "no-wake" zone around the perimeter. Swim areas that have been permitted by DEEP will be marked by white buoys with orange markings, and there should be a permit number posted on the buoys. They may or may not have small orange barrier floats to further demarcate the area. Should questions arise concerning the validity of the swim area (*no permit numbers or the area appears to have been changed/enlarged or keeps moving*), please contact DEEP's Boating Division at 860-434-8638.



#### ZEBRA MUSSELS REMINDER

**Zebra mussels are now found in a number of locations scattered throughout the Housatonic River and its impoundments including Lake Lillinonah (since 2010), Lake Zoar (since 2010) and Lake Housatonic (since 2011).**

Prior to their discovery in Lakes Lillinonah and Zoar in 2010, zebra mussels had been found (1998) in CT only in East Twin Lake and West Twin Lake (Salisbury). Anglers fishing in any of these waters and western Connecticut in general **should use extra care to avoid transporting water, aquatic vegetation, and possibly zebra mussels to new locations.** Information

For more information including precautions that should be taken to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to additional waters, visit [www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies](http://www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies) or the Aquatic Invasive species section of the 2015 CT angler's Guide( [www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide](http://www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide)).



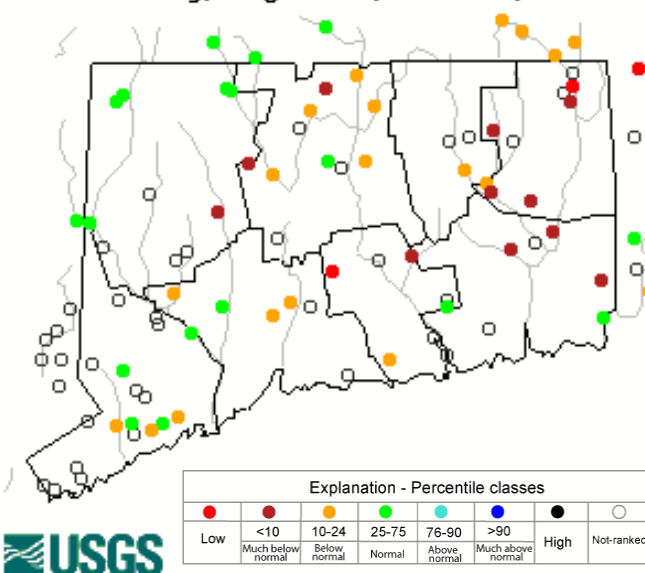
as the Sunrise Resort off of Route 151. The refuge includes all water within 100 feet from the end of the pipe as posted. The Salmon River refuge will be closed to fishing and access through September 15.

## CONNECTICUT RIVER

The river is very fishable. Flows are at typical early August levels and turbidity is low. Anglers have reported some **LARGEMOUTH BASS** being caught in the lower portions of the river and in the coves including some in the 4-5 lb range). Some **SMALLMOUTH BASS** are being reported in the Enfield/Suffield area on jigs & worms. Don't forget King's Island. Try wacky rigged rubber worms. For their size some anglers consider smallmouth the toughest fighting fish in our summer waters. They jump a lot and are fun to catch. Also some smallmouth being found from Hartford to Haddam (recent tournament catches include 4 lb and 2.7 lb smallies). **CATFISH** are being taken on cut bait, small sunfish and chicken liver. North of Hartford, and the Middletown/Portland and Haddam areas produced some nice fish last week. **CARP** fishing on homemade baits continues to be productive from pre-bait areas. Fish have been caught in the lower portion of the river (yes, they are salt tolerant). Where rivers (freshwater) enter in the lower part of the CT River are good spots. Try some fiddler crabs off the boardwalk in Old Lyme.

### Stream flow conditions as of 8/6/2015

Thursday, August 06, 2015 16:30ET



Data in the state graphic to the left are generated by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and are available on line at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/rt>  
*A percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of data in the data set equal to or below it. For example streamflow greater than the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile means only ¼ of the streamflow values were above the value and thus would be considered "above normal". Stream flow between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> are considered to be "normal flows" and those 25<sup>th</sup> or less are considered to be "below normal".*

## LAKE & POND BATHYMETRIC MAPS

Bathymetric maps of many of Connecticut's public access lakes and ponds can be found online at:

[www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/general\\_information/lakebathymetrymaps.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/general_information/lakebathymetrymaps.pdf)

Both plain line maps and maps overlaying an aerial photo available.





## NOTES & NOTICES:

**BANTAM LAKE (waterski event).** The annual Waterski Exhibition will be held this upcoming weekend in North Bay on Friday, August 7 (5 pm to sunset), Saturday, August 8 (1:30 pm – 5 pm) and Sunday, August 9 (1:30 pm – 5 pm). Boaters should use caution in this area.

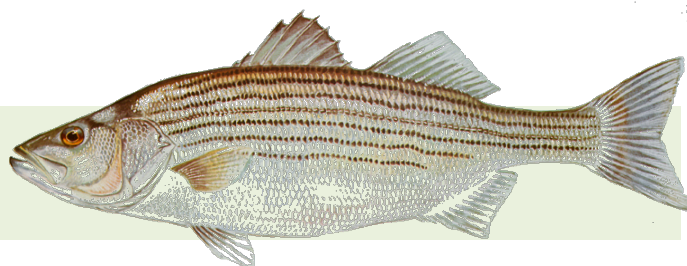
**BASHAN LAKE (drawdown).** Bashan Lake remains drawn down (slow refill has begun – lake currently down approximately 10 feet) following dam repairs and the state boat launch is closed.

**CONNECTICUT RIVER (Windsor, canoe/kayak race).** A canoe/kayak race will be conducted from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on **Saturday, August 8** in the vicinity of the Bissell Bridge. The loop course runs from the small island just downstream of the Bissell Bridge state launch up the river to the Farmington river and then into the Farmington River to the Route 159 bridge. Start and finish will be near the Bissell Bridge launch (the launch will remain open to use by the general public).

**LAKE ZOAR (waterski event).** A water ski clinic for the disabled is scheduled for **Saturday, August 8**, in the upper end of Lake Zoar (approximately the upper first mile of the lake below the Shepaug Dam). This event run from 9 am to 4 pm, and boaters are asked to take care when passing through this area (marked by buoys) of the lake, and avoid interfering with the event.

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## MARINE FISHING REPORT



*Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) are in the mid 70's °F. Check out the following web sites for more detailed water temperatures and marine boating conditions:*

<http://www.mysound.uconn.edu/stationstat.html>

[http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat\\_data/?nothumbs=1](http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?nothumbs=1)

<http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.wunderground.com/MAR/AN/330.html>

**STRIPED BASS** fishing continues to be good throughout the Sound (good numbers of 28-33 inch bass being reported). Fishing is also very good in the lower tidal river, especially at dawn as these large bass feed on menhaden during low light conditions. Try fishing from sundown to sunrise for trophy-sized "cow" stripers. Coming off the "Blue Moon", tidal currents will slow down and ultimately fishing conditions will improve. Casting swimming lures, surface poppers, and bouncing jigs off the bottom in the shallows at low light has been productive. Also, live lining bunker (Atlantic menhaden), hickory shad or scup on the reefs has been effective on "cow" bass. Bunker (Atlantic menhaden) schools are in the major tidal rivers and harbors with stripers following close behind. Look for hovering or diving ospreys which is an indication of bunker (menhaden) schools. The usual striper spots include the Watch Hill reefs, Ram Island Reef in Fishers Island Sound, lower Mystic and Thames River, the Race, Sluiceway, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, outer Bartlett Reef, Black Point, the "humps" south of Hatchett Reef, lower Connecticut River, Long Sand Shoal, Cornfield Point, Southwest Reef (outer), Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, the reefs off Branford, New Haven Harbor and the

upper reaches, Charles Island area, lower Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground, Penfield Reef, around the Norwalk Islands, and Cable and Anchor Reef. **Please use circle hooks when fishing with bait (prevent gut hooking) and practice catch and release when possible.**

**BLUEFISH** fishing is very good. Fish finder rigs baited with fresh bunker chunks has been effective for larger choppers. Bluefish fishing spots include the reefs off Watch Hill, **the Race, Thames River, Sluiceway, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, lower Connecticut River, Long Sand Shoal**, Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor and upper reaches, lower Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middleground, Penfield Reef, and Cable and Anchor Reef. **SNAPPER** fishing is fair to good in the tidal creeks and rivers. Fishing around the top of the flood tide has been better. Most snappers are about 4-6 inches in length. Look for the schools of “peanut” bunker and you will find the snappers.

**SUMMER FLOUNDER (fluke)** fishing has picked up over this past week with doormats weighing 7 lbs being reported. Using live snapper blues for bait is the ticket for catching that trophy doormat! Summer flounder spots include the south shore of Fishers Island (Isabella Beach, Wilderness Point), Napatree Point and along the beach, off the Stonington breakwater, mouth of the Mystic River over to Groton Long Point, Two Tree Island Channel, Black Point/Niantic Bay including the Bloody Grounds, Sound View Beach, Long Sand Shoal, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor, off the mouth of the Housatonic River during the flood tide, and around the Norwalk Islands.

**Minimum size is 18 inches and the daily creel limit is 5 fish per person. Note:** New York has the same summer flounder regulations as Connecticut. However, Rhode Island is already open with an 18 inch minimum length and an 8 fish daily creel limit. Since Rhode Island has a higher daily creel limit than Connecticut and New York **please make sure you abide by the state with the most restrictive regulation when crossing (by boat) state boundaries.**

**SCUP** (porgy) fishing is very good. “Reef Slammers” measuring 14-16 inches (“hubcap size”) in length being reported at fishing piers, reef or rock piles in the Sound (They are everywhere, go out enjoy the fast paced family fun action). Try Gardners Island, Milford (Charles Island), Montauk and Niantic (Bartletts and Hatchetts Reef). Porgy fishing has also been reported at these very accessible shore fishing locations: **Saint Mary’s by the Sea**, Calf Pasture beach, Jennings and Penfield beach, Seaside Park, (Milford), Bradley Point Park (West Haven), New Haven, **Harkness State Park**, Rocky Neck State Park, **Kimberley Reef (Guilford)**, Meigs Point Hammonasset State Park and **Fort Trumbull State Park**. Locate your favorite [Enhanced Shore Fishing Opportunities](#) for these excellent eating and fun catching “Reef Slammers”. These “Panfish of the Sea” are easily caught on sandworms/cut squid/conch or any other small piece of bait. Contact your local [bait and tackle shop](#) for updated fishing information (see page 14 of the 2015 CT Angler’s Guide).

**BLACK SEA BASS** fishing continues to be fantastic throughout the Sound. The hot spots continues to be Falkner Island/Guilford/Branford Beacon/Middle Ground/Stratford Shoal. Fishing over deep water structure/cobble/gravel in 80 to 120 feet around slack tide will produce some trophy-sized “humpbacks on baited jigs or gulp. It’s important to continue to move from structure to structure and fish around slack tide (stay close to the bottom) to find these beautiful and awesome eating fish. Remember, **CT Black Sea Bass regulations are as follows...14 inch min. length, 3 fish daily limit from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31 and a five fish daily limit from September 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Berkely Gulp (swimming mullet) on a spro jig and squid with a spinner above works great for these tasty “Bucketmouths”.

**BLACKFISH (TAUTOG)** fishing is really good...give it a try. There are plenty of these “Reef Bullies” around the local reefs and pilings (6 to 45 feet). The daily creel limit is 2 fish per person and the minimum size is 16 inches. **Tautog love eating crabs and mussels...try green, Asian and hermit crabs for bait.** Look for “Togs” over shellfish beds, pilings with mussel beds and rock (reef) piles. **Anglers please note: CTDEEP and Marine Fishing Clubs have been tagging blackfish with yellow American Littoral Society Tags to determine their movements and growth rates.** This critical biological information will help us understand and manage this important resident species to Long Island Sound. Please record Tag Number, Location (Lat/Long), Length

and weight of Blackfish and Date of Capture. [www.littoralsociety.org](http://www.littoralsociety.org) 18 Hartshorne Dr., Ste.1, Highlands New Jersey 07732. Thank you very much for your cooperation and participating in Marine Fisheries Management.

**STRIPED SEAROBIN** fishing continues to be good. "Poor-Man's Lobster" are very common especially when bottom fishing. With fish measuring over 20 inches and "barking up a storm" (grunting noise they make). They love sandworms, squid and any live or dead bait. They are also very good to eat.

**HICKORY SHAD** fishing is finally starting to get better. Try the Black Hall River, Niantic River, lower Connecticut River by the DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier, Clinton Harbor and the lower Housatonic River. Incoming tide is the key as this species migrates a lot. These "CT Tarpon" providing outstanding/fun shore fishing for anglers. **Tie on a silver willowleaf lure (add a 14-20 inch leader) with a slip sinker above the swivel along with light tackle (6lb test main line).** Cast to current breaks/channels and retrieve the lure and hold on/have fun.

**WHITE PERCH** fishing continues to impress and is typically better with the incoming tide. These perch are found in estuaries (lower rivers), tidal rivers and coves along the Connecticut shoreline. Productive spots include the Pawcatuck River (Stanton Weir Pit/Point), Mystic River, upper Thames River (**Norwich Harbor**) and Niantic River, lower **Connecticut River (DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier)**, Black Hall River, Lieutenant River, North/South Cove and Hamburg Cove. **Grass shrimp and or a small piece of sandworm fished on the bottom are the keys to success.** You can collect grass shrimp with a minnow net along the shoreline where marsh/eel grass is growing or along dock pilings. They love to cling to the grass or dock pilings.

**BLUE CRAB** fishing is slowly improving in the tidal creeks. Time to get out and try your favorite spot and enjoy the scenery and catch some crabs for dinner (crab cakes/sauce). **Remember...all egg bearing females must be released with unavoidable harm. Minimum carapace length is 5 inches for a hard shell crab.** Please contact your local bait and tackle shop for most updated information (local hot spots), legal crab traps and bait to use for your fun-filled crabbing. Legal gear types include: scoop (dip) net, hand line, star crab trap, circular (topless) trap not exceeding 26 inches in diameter. Maryland Style Crab traps are prohibited. **Chicken with the skin on it (along with a long handle net) is the preferred method to capture these tasty crabs.**

**SHARK SPECIES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER IN COASTAL WATERS OF CONNECTICUT:** Although you might catch Sand Tiger and Sandbar (Brown) Sharks, they are both protected prohibited species and must be released unharmed. **IF YOU DON'T KNOW, PLEASE LET IT GO!** [Coastal shark information.](#)

#### **SPECIAL NOTES & REMINDERS**

- To find a saltwater shore fishing spot close to where you live, go to the following website: <http://www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/>.
- In addition, Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing sites and other fishing information including a site map go to the following website <http://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/saltwaterfish/map.htm>.
- Please see page 60 of the [2015 CT Angler's Guide](#) for CT tides.

#### **BRACKISH WATER & SEA TURTLE INFORMATION**

- See [IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SEA TURTLES](#)
- [NORTHERN DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN TURTLE](#) – *Many shore anglers fishing in the lower Connecticut and Housatonic Rivers and other estuaries are encountering these beautiful brackish water turtles while fishing. They will frequently feed on fishermen's live or dead bait when bottom fishing. They are a protected species with very low abundance. Please take great care (use needle nose pliers) when removing the hook and release the turtle with unavoidable harm. Terrapins have a long lifespan of about 25 to 40 years.*

**GOT A FISHING REPORT - PLEASE EMAIL US AT** [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov)

**NOTABLE CATCHES:**

<i>species</i>	<i>Length (inches)</i>	<i>Weight (lbs)</i>	<i>name</i>
Triggerfish	18	3.111	Harry A. Watson
Black Sea Bass	22.5	4.14	Bryan Bottone
Black Sea Bass	23	4.10	Bryan Bottone
Black Sea Bass	22	4.01	Bryan Bottone
Blue Crab	8.5	1.10	Albert Zuppe
Bluefish	34.25	17.35	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass		6.51	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass		4.63	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass		5.89	Albert Zuppe
Summer Flounder		6.53	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass	20	4.37	Albert Zuppe
Summer Flounder		7.59	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass		5.21	Albert Zuppe
Summer Flounder		6.27	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass		4.41	Albert Zuppe
Scup	18	3.35	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass		4.37	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass		4.58	Albert Zuppe
Black Sea Bass		5.37	Albert Zuppe
Summer Flounder		6.13	Albert Zuppe
Scup	18.5	3.71	Albert Zuppe
Thresher Shark	120	~400	Steve Danis
Summer Flounder	30	10.5	Rodney Henderson
Black Sea Bass	23.5	4.851	Robert Olints

**For Current Connecticut Recreational Fishing Regulations:** Anglers should consult the 2015 Connecticut Anglers Guide which is now available at most Town Clerks Offices, DEEP offices and at tackle stores selling fishing licenses. Current regulations, electronic versions of the Angler's Guide and additional information can all be accessed on the DEEP website at: [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing).

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